



## Flathead National Forest

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## Media Release

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### **Big Creek-Canyon Creek Road Temporarily Closed**

*Closure Is To Provide For Public Safety Due To Log Hauling Activities*

HUNGRY HORSE, MONT. – As part of the Whitefish Mountain Resort's Ski Area Expansion Project there will be log hauling on sections of National Forest System Road (NFSR) #316, also known as the Big Creek – Canyon Creek Road, beginning Monday, November 25, 2013. As a result there will be a temporary road closure to provide for public safety.

The closed section of road would normally be gated to conventional vehicles starting December 1st but will close five days early. The biggest impact will be to early season snowmobilers since that road is usually open to over-snow vehicles. Because the road will be plowed from the Flower Point area to Big Creek during the project, there will be no over-snow vehicle use on that portion of NFSR #316. The Canyon Creek end of the road up to the Flower Point area will be open to over-snow vehicles.

From November 25 through November 30 NFSR #316 will be closed between the gate at milepost 8.2 on (near Hallowat Pit) to the gate at milepost 16.67 (Four Corners) to all motor vehicle traffic including over-snow vehicles.

From December 1 until the hauling is completed (early to mid-December) the road will be closed to over-snow vehicles between milepost 8.2 (near Hallowat Pit) and milepost 23.5 (intersection with NFSR #1696 – Lakalaho). The Survival cabin and the groomed trail accessing the cabin will remain open to over-snow vehicles.

The temporary road closure is to prevent public travel conflicts with log hauling activities on this steep narrow section of plowed road.

For additional details please reference the 2013 Over Snow and Motor Vehicle Use Maps available at District offices and some local retailers. You can also contact the Hungry Horse-Glacier View Ranger District Office at 387-3800.

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